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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/596,284	Applicant(s) SKIBA, KRZYSZTOF	
	Examiner John A. Ward	Art Unit 2885	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Furihata (US 6,309,081) in view of Noguchi et al (US 5,497,293)..

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Furihata ('081) discloses a lighting clip 300 fixed on portion of and edge (figure 1b) having a transparent panel 20, in a removable or permanent way (figure 3), and supplied with a electric power system (figure 4), the clip 300 having on side open to receive a light source 10, a self supporting first and second clamping arm (300) as shown in figure 3, the light source 10 is located in an internal space of the clip and in figure 3 the first clamping arm is diagonal to and external surface of the panel in figure (3c).

Regarding claim 3, the clamping arms are of an equal length (figure 3a).

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Furihata does not disclose a connector joining the clamping arms.

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Noguchi et al ('293) disclose a surface illuminant device having a semi-transparent panel 1, and electric power system (not shown) but inherent feature to provide energy to a light source 7, to illuminate a portion of the panel 1 (figure 1) and a first and second clamping arm 6a, 6b.

Regarding claim 3, the clamping arms are of an equal length as shown in figure 1

Regarding claim 2, Noguchi et al discloses all the limitations of the claimed invention as cited in claim 1 above, but does not disclose the clamping arms 6a, 6b being of different lengths, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide to have the clamping arms at different lengths, since it has been held that the provision of adjustability, where needed, involves only routine skill in the art. ***In re Stevens, 101 USPQ 284 (CCPA 1954).***

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the lighting clip of Furihata with the illuminant device of Noguchi et al in order to provide means to maintain a permanent connection between the clip and the panel.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The examiner takes notice that the reference of Furihata discloses all the limitation of the claimed invention, but lacks the

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permanent connection, in which the reference of Noguchi met the deficiency of Furihata by showing the connecting arms.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John A. Ward whose telephone number is 571-272-2386. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jong (James) Lee can be reached on 571-272-7044. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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April 16, 2009

/John A. Ward/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2885